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LOW LEVEL ACTIVATION OF THE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TODAY

Early this morning there were multiple explosions in London's underground and metropolitan transportation system. Information from media and other sources indicate that there are at least 34 dead and several hundred injured. It appears that the explosions were a coordinated terrorist attack.

The Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) has activated, at a low-level, as a result of the events in London. The activation supports the activities of the Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) group, the Sheriff's Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB) and other activated EOCs in the County.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has issued e-mail notifications to Board Offices, key County staff, County departments and Disaster Management Area Coordinators. OEM staff is in contact with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and is monitoring events in Los Angeles County via the Emergency Management Information System. OEM will staff the EOC as long as necessary in support of Sheriff's Department activities.

At this time there is NO CREDIBLE THREAT to Los Angeles County infrastructure, facilities or transportation systems. However, the United States Department of Homeland Security has modified the Homeland Security Advisory System to code Orange (HIGH) for all U.S. metropolitan transit systems. I want to emphasize that, with the exception of mass transportation systems, the Homeland Security Advisory System remains at code Yellow (ELEVATED). Departments **should not** take actions to elevate to code Orange.

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County departments should take this opportunity to review the Los Angeles County Operational Area Terrorism Plan and perform internal readiness reviews. The Terrorism Plan is available on the County's Intranet site <http://web.co.la.ca.us/lacounty/>.

We will continue to monitor events and inform you of anything of significance.

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